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The First Veteran Corps.

The enlistment of veterans in General HANCOCK's new Corps, or Legion of Honor, is progressing as rapidly as could be expected, and there is no doubt the ranks will be filled before Spring. The inducements offered to veterans to re-enlist in this corps are greater than any heretofore offered to enter the service, and those gallant men who have served faithfully and honorably in the armies of the Republic, who desire to be in at the death of the rebellion, are hurrying forward to Washington to join the command of the brave and chivalrous HANCOCK. Any veteran who has served two years and been honorably discharged, may enlist in the corps for one, two or three years, receiving a bounty of one hundred dollars for the first mentioned period, two hundred dollars for the second, and three hundred dollars for the third. They are also to be credited to the quota of the district in which they or their families may reside, and will, therefore be entitled to local bounties. They will receive the best arms in the possession of the Government, and be permitted to remain them when honorably discharged. With such inducements there can be no doubt entertained of the success of the First Veteran Corps.

Whisky.

The Temperance Reform has advanced recently with a swiftness that is refreshing to contemplate. Congress, whether in the spirit or out of it, we cannot tell, has passed a law imposing a very handsome tax upon whisky, the President has approved it, and in accordance with its terms the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is sending out his instructions for the collection of $2 a gallon on all whisky that may be distilled and sold on and after the 1st of January. This will have the effect of removing the luxury of whisky beyond the reach of ordinary mortals, and will thereby have a tendency to speedily ameliorate the condition of thousands. As this tax will in all probability offer an incentive to the revolting practice of adulteration, with a view to presenting a cheap article for sale to habitual drinkers of moderate means, it will become imperative upon State Legislatures and Municipal Boards to take some steps for the protection of the people. If some such steps are not taken, mortality from poisoning will increase to an extent which will be alarming, and the population, especially of our large cities and towns, will be depleted.

WENDELL PHILLIPS in a speech, in New York, Tuesday evening, said:—"There is going on in the Confederacy a more important fight than that of Grant or Sherman, and that is the fight between Davis and his subordinates. Our military prospect is cheerful. If Sherman has not the whole Confederacy in his right hand he will take it in his left. If Grant does not give us Richmond as a Christmas gift, it is because he is to give it to us as a New-Year's gift. I believe with Davis and Lee, the rebellion is a game of empire or death. If Davis cannot save the Confederacy, perhaps he can carry fifty thousand of his men over into Mexico, and plant himself on Mexican soil; but if he cannot effect that, my own impression of Davis and Lee, who have given up everything for an idea—fame, family, wealth, country—is that, like Napoleon in December, '51, the game is death or an empire. They ask no terms, they offer none. But such men as Stephens will be willing to come back as Senators, and Georgia will soon be willing to come back to the Union."

OIL EXCITEMENT IN OIL CITY.—Dispatches were received in the city yesterday, announcing that the day previous a fine Oil well was struck on the bank of the Allegheny river, immediately in front of Oil City, on the property of Messrs. Dilworth and Ewing, of Pittsburgh, who also own the well. The well has been bored between five hundred and six hundred feet in depth, and a vein was struck on Thursday, which yields according to the various estimates given, forty-five barrels of rock oil per day. In consequence of this strike owners of property in Oil City and vicinity, which abuts on the Allegheny river, are holding their lands at a high figure, and many are not disposed to sell at any price. The Oil at Messrs. Dilworth and Ewing's well is worth from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents a barrel more than that from other wells in the Venango region, from the fact that it is easier of shipment and can be loaded into the steamers without the great expense of drayage.

MR. H. T. SNYDER, of Fayetteville, shot a Black Eagle on Saturday week, measuring seven feet four inches and a half from the tips of its wings, and three feet and a half from the head to the tip of the tail. It weighed eighty pounds, and its talons when opened measured nine inches. Mr. Snyder killed it at a distance of over two hundred yards.

We suppose Mr. SNYDER thought he had done something to be proud of when he killed the Eagle. Had the bird done him or any one any harm, and was there a single reason why it should be killed? The race of eagles is running out, and he who kills one, is not entitled to the respect of true sportsmen. The noble bird is infinitely the superior of the man who boasts of having killed an Eagle.

GEORGE N. SANDERS takes pains to deny that he was concerned in the plot to burn the hotels of New York. He writes to Montreal thus: "I have not been a participant directly or indirectly in any raids or ince diary plots. My mission here is one of peace."

IT is reported that the gallant Major General Joseph Hooker, at present commanding the Northern Department, is to be married in the spring to an accomplished lady resident within his military command.

Aid for Freedmen.

Editor Pittsburgh Commercial:

Will you allow me a line to say for the comfort of some of the noble souls present at the Freedmen's Relief meeting last night in Dr. Howard's church, that the appeal for old clothing, blankets, &c., for the poor sufferers at Nashville, was most promptly responded to this morning. Quite a number of ladies assembled at Dr. Hussey's store, bringing packages and bundles of all sizes. Some of our trimming storemen, and dry goods men sent valuable donations of socks and new clothing. The result is that two large boxes were sent off by Express to-day. May we not hail this as an earnest of what Pittsburgh ladies intend to do in this matter? There will be another lot of boxes sent off next week. Anything and everything suitable for these poor perishing and literally dying women and children, will be gladly received. Packages may be sent at any time to Dr. Hussey's, 51 Fifth street. Let us bear in mind that the cold bites just as keenly and severely in Nashville as in Pittsburgh, and that these sufferers are in the Bible sense, really our brethren. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me," says our blessed Lord. J. S. Y.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

We have rarely been so proud of the ladies of our city as on witnessing numbers of them assembled to-day at the warehouse of C. G. Hussey & Co., on Fifth street, having come with bundles and baskets of second-hand clothing, sufficient to fill two large boxes. This outburst of their benevolence in response to the eloquent and heart-stirring appeal made at the meeting on Thursday night in behalf of the suffering Freedmen, now, by the victorious march of our arms, in the heart of Dixie, more or less upon the public charity. Let this noble work go quickly and vigorously forward. Housekeepers, in the city, have, as a general thing, given liberally of their substantial comforts. At the suggestion of the ladies we appeal, therefore, to our batchelors and young men, throughout both cities, at boarding houses and elsewhere, to overhaul their wardrobes, and gather and send at once to Hussey's warehouse all the clothing they deem unfit for their own further use. When they have served your purpose, they no longer belong to you, the poor and needy have a claim on them with a Divine sanction. See to it that they are not deprived of their due; remember it is lending to the Lord, He will repay.

From the Mountain Region.

EBENSBURGH, Dec. 28, 1864.

Editor Commercial:—This mountain town visited by many for its cool, bracing air in Summer, is not an unpleasant place even in Winter. Its lofty position, its extensive prospects, the brisk business air of the streets, the jingling of sleigh bells, and the splendid snow drifts around it, make it attractive to those who are not of too chilly a temperament, or too effeminate a habit. There is daily communication with Pittsburgh by a branch railroad, connecting with the Central at Cresson, that well known and beautiful place of summer resort.

The political character of the county, Cambria, has undergone some change, some improvement. The evidence of this is the election to Congress of Mr. Berker, an energetic and honest Republican, a Union man, of course, and a Maine Yankee.

George E. Gordon, who murdered Owen Thompson in Albany, was, last Saturday, sentenced to be hanged on Thursday, the 16th of February.

A New Coal-cutting Machine.

The Leeds (England) *Mercury* contains an account of a trial, recently made, of a new coal-cutting machine invented by Messrs. Lock and Warrington, colliery owners, Kippax, and Messrs. Carrett and Marshall, engineers, Leeds. The trial was considered successful in every respect. We give the result as we find it in the paper we have named:

The coal-cutting machines which have been tried recently in other districts have been worked by compressed air, and on the principle of the pick motion. This machine is, however, worked by water pressure at 150 lb to an inch, conveyed in 1½ inch wrought iron pipes, from a small engine fixed near the bottom of the pit. The trial was made in the Allerton seam of coal, which is five feet six inches thick, but contains a layer of dirt three inches thick at the height of twenty inches from the floor, which separates the best and second seams of coal. The machine was mounted on four wheels, and traversed on the cut tramways. The "holing" or "baring," which is the hardest and most laborious part of the collier's work, was done remarkably well, in one even straight line, and to a uniform depth. The cutters were fixed in a slotting bar, worked with a steady longitudinal reciprocating motion at a slight angle, which ripped out the whole of the partition of dirt to a depth of three feet three inches. The apparatus being entirely self-acting in all its operations, it propelled itself forward, secured itself dead fast between the floor and roof, whilst the cutters were in operation, and again released itself with the return stroke. The machine is strong, and not at all complicated, and is likely to work with durability. It is beautifully arranged in its various movements, and works with such precision and exactness that any one might almost fancy it was endowed with intelligence. One man is all that is required to attend to it, and he has nothing to do but to set it in motion, and stop it when required. The machine worked on Wednesday two hours and forty-nine minutes, and excavated the dirt out three inches thick and three feet three inches under for a length of twenty-two yards and two feet, and liberated from the solid bed of coal forty-one tons. The average cost of "baring" by hand labor at the same colliery is 8d. per ton; but the principal saving is in the economical working of the coal without cutting in a large proportion into slack as is done by hand labor. The pressure of water can be increased to any required extent, and its quantity needs only to be enough to fill the pipes, but the pipes—like mains in compressed fluid thus being used over and over again to convey the power any required distance from the source of power to the coal seam to be operated upon. The miners have named this new labor-saver the "iron man," and, from his self-acting and industrious powers, it is probable he will never become tired.

The present price of coal in this region renders a loss of employment to machinery eminently practical as well as necessary, or rather practical because necessary. We do not believe in permitting English ideas to head us off in this or any other particular, especially at a time when circumstances are inviting us so strongly to go ahead.

PENNSYLVANIANS IN CONGRESS.—The Proclamation of Gov. CURTIN will be found in another column. It declares that twenty-three members of Congress have been elected in this State, and that aside from one district, the Sixteenth, there have not been such returns as would authorize him in declaring that any person had been elected to represent it. The Pennsylvania Delegation in the next Congress stands as follows:

Union—Messrs. Chas. O'Neill, Leonard Myers, William D. Kelley, M. Russell Thayer, John K. Broomall, Thaddeus Stevens, Ulysses Mercur, George F. Miller, Heister Clymer, Stephen F. Wilson, Glenni W. Schofield, C. Vernon Culver, J. K. Moorhead, Thomas Williams, George V. Lawrence—15.

Democrats—Samuel J. Randall, B. Markley Boyer, S. E. Ancona, Myers Strouse, Philip Johnson, Charles Dennison, A. J. Glosbrenner, John L. Dawson—8.

Disputed—Sixteenth District, one member.

DEATH OF A CELEBRATED DWARF.—The death of a celebrity, a dwarf, in Paris, the French counterpart of the American Tom Thumb, is recorded. In his 16th year he was placed in the establishment of the Duchess of Orleans, the mother of the Citizen King, and was so small at that age that he passed for an infant, and so he remained, till he was 25 years old. At the first Revolution, secret dispatches were sent by him, which thus reached without suspicion the imprisoned members of the Royal Family of France. At the end of the day the little dwarf named Richebourg, received a pension from the Orleans family of 3,000 francs a year, equivalent to $600 in our money, which he retained the last thirty years he has lived in the same house, in the Faubourg St. Germain. Unlike Tom Thumb, he had a horror of appearing in public, and for twenty years he has never crossed the threshold of his own door. Not the least remarkable feature in the career of this creature is the fact that he lived to be 92 years old.

The sub-committee of the Ways and Means are at work, at the Capital, upon the laws relating to taxation. Mr. Merrill is at their head, and will perform the lion's share of the work. He is the most industrious member of the committee, so far as the work committed to its care is concerned. Mr. Stevens is too old for severe and continuous mental toil, and is excused from it. There is no important question, however, brought before the committee that he does not consider—it is the details which he turns over to his younger colleagues. The statement that the Committee of Ways and Means is unalterably opposed to giving the Secretary of the Treasury power to issue more gold bonds is correct. It is said that but one member of the committee favors the issue of more of this description of securities.

The British Army and Navy *Journal*, by the last steamer, speaking of Sherman's expedition, says:

"Sherman is a bold player, and soon will leave us in little doubt as to his objects. If he be successful in bisecting the States which lie between the Mississippi and Charleston, he will do much to reduce the Confederates to the worst straits they have ever known, and will, at the same time, prove the truth of the opinion expressed by some people long ago that the armor of the Confederacy covered a very soft interior."

The English papers have gone too far to recall what they have said of Sherman, when they hear of his complete success. It will, however, accord perfectly with the character of the London *Times*, to eat its own words and declare that Sherman has accomplished nothing.

The Philadelphia *North American* has been shown a sample of army tobacco, brought from the front, one-third propotion of which proves to be sumac. This article is worth about $60 a ton. A large quantity of tobacco would cost some hundreds of dollars. The sumac is dried, and afterwards saturated in a strong decoction of waste tobacco. It is then incorporated into the genuine article, and in that shape is furnished to soldiers. The cause of complaint is less on account of the cheatthan on account of the deleterious effects of the adulteration. The same reprehensible adulteration of the month in all cases, not unfrequently terminating in cancer. To detect the adulterated article is almost impossible. The sumac can b so mingled with smoking tobacco that it cannot be separated, or even distinguished from t.

A barn in which a Mrs. Ross and her husband had taken temporary refuge, two miles from Indianapolis, was set on fire about ten o'clock Thursday evening, by the wife of the owner, John Milnor, as was supposed for the purpose of burning with it the woman and her children. When the woman had made her escape from the burning building, Mrs. Milnor approached her and threw a jug of oil of vitriol in her face, burning her face in the most shocking manner. Her eyesight is probably destroyed. Jealousy is said to be the cause.

MONSTROUS BEETLES.—In Tonago, it is said there is a species of beetle, nearly the size of a man's head. It fixes itself against a tree, and commences a humming noise, which very quickly increases to a whistle. At length it increases in intensity till it almost equals a railroad whistle. There is another species of beetle called the razor grinder, which imitates the sound of a knife-grinding machine so exactly that it is impossible to divet oneself of the idea that he is listening in reality to some knife-grinder who has wandered ot into the tropical wilds.

On the evening of Thursday, the 22d inst., the wife of Charles Stelzer, a Germal tobacconist, residing at St. Paul, Minn., who in a fit of insanity, randered her little son, our years of age, and her daughter, eight years f age, by splitting their skulls with a hatchet, and very seriously wounding another of her children, a little girl two years of age, who is not expected to live. The mother then cut her own throat with a butcher knife, and died.

The Springfield *Republican*, alludin to the Board of Army Officers about to assemble in that city, says their duty is to discover and fix a model for a new breech-loading musket, or body, to supersede the present "Springfield musket," as the arm for our infantry service.

During the season of navigation just closed, the canals of the State of New York earned $4,346,265 51; and the total expenditures pon the same, for the year, were $1,028,909 46. The earnings are about one million dollars less than last year.

Mr. R. W. Wheat, a former merchant of Alexandria, and the Rev. J. Packard, former hector of Christ Church Parish in the same place, were, by order of the War Department, sit through the lines South on Wednesday.

ESCAPED.—The following escaped prisone, from Danville, Va., have arrived at Knoxvil, Tennessee:—S. W. Alford, 100th Pennsylvan. Infantry; J. W. Murmell, 100th do.; J. Nelson 100th do.; Moses Crow, 100th do,

FIRST EDITION.

12, MIDNIGHT.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Recruiting Brisk Everywhere.

Rebels Preparing to Evacuate Richmond

Machinery Being Removed South.

LEE'S ARMY LESS THAN 40,000.

Reciprocity Treaty with Canada.

Resignations and Dismissals of Army Officers.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, December 30.

The returns received at the office of the Provost Marshal General, show that recruiting is proceeding very actively. It has not been as brisk as at present for more than a year past.

An election was held at the camp of the Union prisoners of war at Columbia, S. C., October 17th, 1864. One thousand and twenty-five voted for Lincoln, and one hundred and forty-three for McClellan. Every State represented voted for Mr. Lincoln except Kentucky, which gave one majority for McClellan.

It is reported by parties who recently left Richmond and reached here to-day, *via* Fredericksburg, that preparations are being made for the evacuation of Richmond by the rebels. They state that the machinery from the arsenals and other rebel works is being removed South. They also represent that Lee's force is now less than forty thousand men, and the army is on short rations, their supplies of meat being almost exhausted. The recent destruction of the rebel lines of communication has seriously diminished their ability to concentrate the supplies necessary to sustain the people of Richmond and the army.

Dr. Johnathan Letterman, U. S. A., for the last eighteen months Medical Director, of the Army of the Potomac, has resigned. The resignation of Surgeon C. C. Cox, United States Volunteers, has been accepted by the War Department. Dr. Cox is the newly elected Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, hence his resignation.

Upon the reassembling of Congress, a determined and desperate effort will be made to prevent the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with Canada. A large number of wealthy merchants from both sides of the line are already here with money in abundance, prepared to manipulate approachable members of Congress. Every means will be taken and no amount spared that may be necessary to accomplish their objects. Their schemes and purposes are known and will fail of success.

The number of wounded Union soldiers in the last battle at Nashville, between Thomas and Hood, according to the official returns, is less than three thousand.

The resignation of Assistant Surgeon Edward C. Strode, U. S. A., was accepted December 24th.

By order of Major General Dana, commanding the Department of the Mississippi, Capt. Eldred Huff, Co. A, 4th Iowa cavalry, is, upon the recommendation of his superior officers, dishonorably dismissed from the service for disobedience of orders, neglect of duty and allowing himself to be surprised by the enemy near Memphis, December 14th.

Upon the report of the Assistant Inspector General of the Department of the Mississippi, Lieutenant Wm. J. Hall, Company G, 120th Illinois volunteers, is also dishonorably dismissed from the service for neglect of duty, disobedience of orders, &c.

Steamer North America Sunk,

Two Hundred Soldiers on Board.

LARGE NUMBER LOST

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

The steamer North America left New Orleans on the 6th of December with two hundred and three sick soldiers, twelve cabin passengers, and a crew of forty-four men. She sprung a leak on the 22d in the gulf, and spoke the bark Mary E. Tibby, which promised to stay and receive everybody aboard, if necessary. At 2:30 the water put the fires out. The steamer was then hove to, and the boats put in the first boat with the chief engineer and all the lady passengers. Six boat loads were got aboard. The seventh boat load left at dark with twenty-eight on board, and it was supposed to be lost, as they never reached the bark. the eighth and last boat, with the captain, first and second officers and eight men, left at 7:30 P. M. The boat were isolated aboard of the bark at 9 P. M. It being impossible to return to the steamer that night, the bark then proceeded toward the steamer, her lights all night, and distant about six miles. About one A. M. the lights disappeared and it is supposed she sunk. At daylight, nothing in sight, the bark made sail and cruised around the wreck until P. M. Sixty-two persons were saved and one hundred and ninety-seven lost. Among the lost were Col. Saunders.

The following are the names of those saved by the bark: Miss E. Ransom of the Sanitary Commission, Miss Millie Fowler, Miss Mary Geary, Mrs. John Smith, Miss C. G. Welsh, 4 women, Capt. J. M. Hill, 11th N. Y. cavalry; hospital steward, G. M. Wilson, U. S. A.; master mate; W. H. Dinsmore, U. S. N.; F. W. Stewart, Co. C, 11th New York cavalry; A. C. Dow, Co. D, 11th New York cavalry; Bailey Starr, Co. L, 11th New York cavalry; John S. Smith, Co. D, 2d New York volunteer cavalry; Willis Poeksly, and John Shepard, Co. I, 2d volunteer cavalry; Francis Wiman, signal corps U. S. A.; Chas. Belville, musician; E. H. Reynolds, Co. C, 12th Pennsylvania; Sergeant Evan Geeson, Co. M, 18th New York cavalry, with forty-two of the ship's officers and crew.

A partial list of the lost: Willie Osborne Co. D, 2d New York cavalry; J. M. Hill, 11th N. Y. cavalry; Jos. Packard, Co. B, 11th N. Y. cavalry; C. J. Stenhart, 11th N. Y. cavalry; Allen Parker, 11th N. Y. cavalry; Sauer Ennis, Co. I, 2d cavalry, died Dec. 21st; Jno. Melvin, Co. L, 6th N. Y. cavalry; Byre Rundell, Co. L, 11th N. Y. cavalry; C. Duncomby, Co. L, 11th N. Y. cavalry; J. Baler, Co. L, 11th N. Y. cavalry; C. King, Co. D, 11th N. Y. cavalry; A. M. Wilson, Co. L, 11th N. Y. cavalry; H. Hawkins, Co. L, do; D. Peck, Co. L, do; Wm. D. Jones, Co. L, 11th N. Y. cav.; P. Saunders, Co. H, 11th N. Y. cavalry; Col. Horn, 45th U. S. cavalry; W. W. Clark, master's mate, and Ray Waldson, Co. K.

Movement on Mobile.

Rebels Routed near Franklin Creek.

Strong Union Sentiment in Mobile.

Everything Progressing Favorably.

A Mobile dispatch of the 19th, says an infantry force of another raiding party was near Good Mills and Pensacola on Sunday, but its advance was driven back several miles. Capt. Semmes arrived in Mobile on the 19th, from Europe via Matamoras.

A dispatch from New Orleans, December 22d, says: An expedition, under Major General Granger, of considerable force, landed in Pascagoula on the 15th, and pushed rapidly on towards Mobile. A brief skirmish occurred on the 15th near Franklin Creek, and the rebels were quickly routed. Many people shouted at the sight of the Union forces. The navy rendered valuable aid to the troops in landing. Two iron-clad gunboats have gone up Pascagoula river thirty miles, and everything was progressing favorably. A refugee reports but five thousand militia in Mobile, and that a strong Union sentiment prevails there. A large fleet of fifty sail was observed near Mobile on the 19th, supposed to be caused by the burning of cotton.

FROM TENNESSEE.

Thomas Still Pressing Hood

Rumored Rout of Hood's Forc

NASHVILLE, December

The statement that General Hood had c the Tennessee River, is doubtless untru to very latest intelligence from the front t was yesterday, and says that General Thor was pressing Hood on the river bank, whil ake trying to lay his pontoons, but could ng his any progress, as our gunboats were sh working parties.

General Cheatham reached Decat ntening with a large force on the 24th, and is also ing that Hood. There is a rumor this mo ured the Thomas has attacked, routed and t it needs most of Hood's fragmentary army, confirmation.

By an order from General Shet n's headquarters, at Nashville, no passes unless per- be issued here to citizens north of that ci m Generals missi n is previously obtained madant at Sherman, Thomas or Miller, Nashville.

WILMINTON.

The Great plosion.

FORT FISHER FIRE.

Gallant Conduct of the unboats.

Lieutenant Cushing Agai Work.

FLAG POND BATTERY AKEN.

The Prisoners Have Brit Arms.

The Assault on Fort Fisher adoned

NEW YORK, Dec ber 30.

The Associated Press correspent with Porter's expedition, says it is the nion of those best competent to judge in matters, that Fort Fisher is the strongest work in America. It may be briefly descr as a square bastioned earthwork, enclo about five acres, and mounting thirty- heavy guns.

In exploding the powder boat, the were arranged to be fired by clock-work d as a further precaution it was arranged et the vessel on fire at a point removed m the powder.

The explosion made a dull rumbli and as if two light pieces of artillery had b ed in quick succession, and the second resembling to be merely the echo of the first. A t remor was felt throughout the fleet.

A few moments after the explosion heavy cloud rose and floated out to sea. Amassed the fleet a sulphurous odor was distinctly perceptible. It cannot be ascertained what the explosion caused any damage to the

It was twelve o'clock in the day as fleet got into position, and in just one half hour wards the battle commenced in earn The smoke from the fleet was blown steadily to sea, giving a clear view of the fort. firing at first w s quite wild, many of the s falling short, while others exploded over yond the fort.

As soon as he range was fairly obt ed the practice was very good.

At three o'clock the buildings in the took fire and burned rapidly. By three o the enemy was completely silenced by fire of the fleet and the burning of the dings. During the fight a rebel steamer, sued to be the Tallahassee, was in the fight behind the fort, but she disappeared a few shots from the gunboats. Two other steamers were visible for a few moments. he two day's fight shots from the monitors and the heavy vessels were finely thrown, rly all striking the fort. The only respo were from some of the enemy's most dis casemates. An attempt was made to pas rough the channel, by the lasco and several of the smaller vessels, all of them sending small boats to drag for torpedos.

Lieutenant Cushing, who destroyhe Albemarle, attempted to sound and mark the channel, so as to facilitate passage, e emy repeatedly fired on these smalits, but did not hit them. While this was goon the troops were landing from the transports and forming for assault. Before a landinuld be effected three gunboats were engaged disabling the enemy from the small wamown as Flag Pond battery, mounting one. This was done in a few moments. Thatrison, numbering sixty-five men, surrendr to the sailors from the Santiago de Cuba.

The marines and sailors had also landed. The magazine of the earthworks found well filled with ammunition.

The troops advanced well up to the, some of them actually going inside the ks. The attempt to assault was soon ater adoned, in consequence of Gen. Weitzel anm. Butler deciding that it was impossible achieve success.

The *Times'* correspondent details operations of the land force against Fo ster: It appears that the New York troops ha the shore. They advanced but a shdistance, when they charged and carried Flond battery, capturing sixty-five prisoners found in the work one 60-pounder, whiad been dismounted by the fleet, and a greuantity of small arms. The garrison surrered without firing a shot. A party of two hired and fifty men, under Lieutenant Cushing, was dispersed on being fired upon. They t marched toward Fo t Fisher and soon, sally advanced from t rt in large ces for that work. As they were so the guns could not be depressed sufficient to take effect upon them. They chsed a redoubt about one-quarter of a mile in the rear, per crept up to an angle of the fort ashot an orderly just arrived with despatches and captured the despatches. When acking company deployed to the right and rapidly ed two hundred rebels who were marchingown a road, when in the meantime other rments landed and took them in flank, makingm all, about 3,000 out of the 7,000 in the expition. Another regiment was sent to follow e 1,200, but were ordered to return, after skirishing a little with the enemy in the woods in the direction of the half moon battery. The particulars include all that was accomplished by the land forces.

From Gen. Sherma

His Army in Motion Northward.

Affairs in Georgia Flattering.

Gen. Geary Military Governr Savannah.

His Division First to Enter the C

Rebels Plundering After the Evacu .

HARDEE'S FORCE REDUCED TO 30.

$2,000,000 Worth of Rice Dis red.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Commer ial.

WASHINGTON, De nan, re- ber 30.

A private letter from General Sh on. John ceived here to-day by his brothe nt of af- Sherman, gives a most hopeful te letter a fars in Georgia. On the date on north- portion of his army was in ward.

Associated Press Dis ches.

The *Tribune* publishes third Wheeler, between generals Kilpatrick the troops of relative to the depredatio' atrages on the other side with communi n of making an immediate exchange of pris oners captured during the campaig special says that the Savannah Military Gover- Gen. Geary has been appo first to enter the nor, his division being airy was stationed city. While Wheeler's many stores and cotton in Savannah fires. After Hardee's committed numerous t troops occupied the evacuation, and befor al shops and warecity, mobs broke in took place after our troops entered. H s wife and children remain in Savanna respondent says:—The *World's* speci Hardee not to defend citizens urged Gen. ranch's troops. Hardee Savannah against t fire a gun except in repromised he would pondent says Hardee's faithfully. bered 12,000, was reduced army which firs in Carolina and other organ to 3,000, as the G to different parts of the Izatians proce State.

Marched to Charleston with the impression that Hardee. Thick Foster's troops near Broad intended to Reinforcements were at once given landing on Sherman. The enemy was sent here by ral steamers are plying between not seen. Port Royal. Admiral Dahlgren. Savannah, of his fleet sailed up the river.

With a pr to the 32,000 bales of cotton capt ured, at discovered. A provost marshal's rice has protects the city. Refugees say the Grand Sachem attack on Charlestonh soon. enemy's forces engaged repairing Savannah and Savannah Railroad. The people Charlesto declare our uninterrupted possession of the ir commercial marc commercial city has closed the war and they are concerned. so far.

Richmond *Examiner* of the 23th says The, in a bombastic Yankee style, says he will begin his march northward. As there is no reason to believe he will keep his word no conceivable hindrance to the commencement of his march, it is presumed moved on the 26th.

SEQUIES OF MR. DAYTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

Preparations are making to pay suitable honor to the memory of Mr. Dayton, whose remains are to be conveyed to the Mayor's room and lie in State. The formal obsequies will take place to-morrow, with the funeral cortege, comprising the military and government and civic, procession will move to New Jersey, and the body will be delivered to the authorities of that State. A salute will be fired and the flags on the Government buildings here and also the flags of the city will be suspended at half mast.

Lieuts. Hadley and Chisman, of the 7th Indiana regiment, who were taken prisoners by the rebels at the battle of the Wilderness, on the 4th of May, have arrived at Indianapolis. They escaped from the guard, with a number of other prisoners, at Columbia, S. C., and journeyed 400 miles to Knoxville. They traveled by night only, and were furnished with food by the negroes. Captain De Hart, of the 46th Indiana, with a number of non-commissioned officers and privates of the 2d and 3d Battery, and 11th, 34th, 46th, 50th, and 67th Indiana regiments, who have for some time east been prisoners in Texas, have been forwarded, and are now on their way to this city, where they will remain until exchanged.

From Gen. Stoneman.

His Great Raid in West Virginia.

Rebel Forces Attacked and Scattered.

Salt and Lead Works Destroyed.

Two Editors and Four Printing Presses Captured.

The Presses Sent to Brownlow as a Christmas Gift.

Our Advance Closely Following Hood.

He Is Unable to Cross the Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Dec. 30.

Major General Stoneman, who arrived in this city last night from his great raid in East Tennessee and West Virginia, furnishes the following account of his expedition. His force consisted of Burbridge's troops, and Gillem's East Tennessee troops, all under command of Major General Stoneman. They left Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 15th inst. The movement was unknown to the rebels, and they were not discovered until after three days. At Kingsport Jones' command was attacked, consisting of about 500 of Morgan's old command. The force was killed, scattered and captured. Next the rebel force of Vaughan was discovered at Papertown, near Bristol, trying to effect a junction with Breckinridge, at Saltville. Our forces pursued him to Marion, where an engagement occurred, resulting in the loss to the rebels of all their force and artillery, except about two thousand, who retreated towards Lynchburg, Virginia. Breckinridge's command had followed Gen. Stoneman with the forces of Gaither, Crosby and Withers, and the balance of Duke's command, who had been on the frontier of Kentucky, waiting to co-operate with the cavalry. General Stoneman attacked this force at Marion, and drove them over the mountain into North Carolina. His command then attacked the saltworks, which were defended by about seven hundred men, who were either captured or dispersed. The loss by this raid to the rebels is immense. All the railroad bridges from New River, Virginia, to the Tennessee line are destroyed. Thirteen trains with locomotives, several trains and extra trains without engines were captured, and destroyed; all the depots and supplies on the West Virginia rasfroad, all foundries, mills, factories, store houses, wagons and ambulances, trains, and bridges, were also destroyed. In addition, we captured 2,500 rounds of artillery ammunition, 2,000 pack saddles, a quantity of small arms, 2,000 horses and 1,500 mules. Among the captures were two rebel editors and four secession printing presses. The latter were sent to Parson Brownlow as a Christmas gift.

The severest loss to the rebels was the destruction of the salt works at Saltville and lead works at Leadville, both were rendered valueless. Our losses were very small, not exceeding 2,000 killed, wounded and missing. Among the killed was Colonel Bayle, of the 11th Kentucky Cavalry. The captured rebel prisoners amount to over four hundred officers and eight hundred and forty-five men.

East Tennessee is now free from any body of rebels, and Kentucky is not infested by Confederates. General Stoneman has cut the confederate telegraph line, and held it for eighteen hours, during which he discovered all their plans and movements.

The first train through from Chattanooga, arrived here this evening. Railroad communication will be regularly kept up.

Gen. Thomas' headquarters were at Pulaski last night. General Stoneman were closely following Hood, who it is believed, is trying to cross the Tennessee river. Granger and Steadman are shelling his pontoons, which he has as yet been unable to cross upon.

The river is ten feet and falling slowly. Steady rain all evening.

Subscriptions to National Loans.

Mysterious Disappearance of Naval Officers.

WASHINGTON December 30.

Subscriptions to the 7-30 loan for the last week have reported to the Treasury Department amount to $3,700,000, and to the 10-40 loan for the same period, $1,500,000. Of the latter loan about $80,000 are vernal unsubscribed.

Among those who have mysteriously disappeared of late, and about whom much solicitudeis expressed by the Navy Department, are Acting Master W. H. Rowlings, and Acting Third Assistant Engineer H. K. Stever.

An Englishman's Opinion of General Butler.

Goldwin Smith, who has just returned to England, while here visiting the army of the Potomac, wrote a letter to the London *News* from which we make the following quotation:

"I saw with the greatest interest, the negro troops encamped close to the scene of one of their first gallant exploits, the storming of the theil fortifications on Battery Market Height. There are no doubt, I think, as many black men are in the acknowledged and respected brethren hoods of the whites. This, to give the Beast his due, is one of the best traits in the character of Butler. That man's indomitable energy and will (qualities written on his face more plainly than on any other face I ever beheld, save, perhaps, a portrait of Cromwell) have brushed all the obstacles that stood in the way of this great moral and social revolution. *Ferro ignique libertas provenit*—the bayonet shall be their liberator—is the motto of the medal that has caused to be struck for the negro soldiers; and he has made this motto a practical truth. I will not attempt to discuss the calm judgment of history in an hour of passion by discussing the controverted parts of his career.

"To me he seems to be in all points, good and evil, a child of the revolutionary relief. He was the first thoroughly to grap the idea of the revolution being fulfilled by the virtual destruction of slavery; he is the first, as you see by his letter to Lee, to offer honorable and broad terms a policy of amnesty and oblivion. Like Danton, he has 'walked straight on his wild way,' fearless of danger and sometimes of reckless of opinion. I do not worship revolutionary characters. I hate the element from which they spring, as I love the calm progress of regular improvement. But a revolution has come, and I suspect that in its melancholy annals Butler will occupy a broader and perhaps a less odious page than is commonly supposed."

A strong and steady pressure is making upon the President to induce him to inaugurate measures of retaliation upon the rebel prisoners in our hands. The manner in which Sherman's army lived in its march through the Confederacy, and the concurrent testimony of all letter-writers as to the sufficiency of eatables in the interior of the South, gives the lie to the oft-repeated assertions of the rebel leaders that they could not furnish more and better food to our prisoners. Each day brings new proof showing a deliberate purpose on their part to starve our soldiers to death, or, failing to their hands, or a cruel negligence or heartlessness for which history has no parallel. In either case, say those who urge retaliation, it is their bounden duty of the President to use his power for the protection of those whom the fortune of war has thrown into rebel hands. Committees of representative officers from among those returned from Savannah had but one interview with the President, and received for reply that the matter was under consideration and examination, and that he could not yet see that it would be either politic or right to proceed to such extreme measures as are advocated. The resolutions introduced in the Senate by Mr. Hughes, of New Hampshire—each body proposing to direct the military committee to inquire and report whether some measure of retaliation can not be adopted. The resolution passed the House almost unanimously, but was defeated in the Senate by Mr. Reverdy Johnson's opposition. Mr. Wilkinson urged its adoption in a brief but strong speech, and is not likely to drop the matter without further trial.

It is reported by the way of Valparaiso that the Congress of Spanish American States had notified the Spanish Admiral that the republics represented have agreed to make common (*establecido la solidaridad*) with Peru on the Spanish question, indicating also a desire for an honorable adjustment, in preference to the arbitrament of war. The reply to this must await the orders of the court of Spain. In the meantime, it is most desirable that everything which the critical situation of our own affairs will allow, should be done by our Government, to strengthen the good understanding among the various governments of the western continent, lest we all fall victims, one by one, to the grasping designs of the European dynasties. That weall have vital interests in common is just as certain as that that the enmity and greed of Europe equally embrace us all, so that, if some can be induced to look on with indifference, all they can expect is that their own will gain is to be the last devoured by the monster Absolutism.

SAYS the New Orleans *Era* of the 14th inst., "A gentleman called upon us yesterday who left Mobile on the 5th instant and arrived here yesterday morning. He is an old resident of Mobile, and fully conversant with affairs in that place. The people are very gloomy and desperate, and two-thirds are longing for our forces to capture the city. There was much disappointment felt because the fleet did not push on to the city immediately after the capture of the forts. There are about seven thousand troops at Mobile, all militia excepting Baker's brigade of Alabamians, numbering 500 or 600 men, and the 15th Confederate Cavalry, of Forrest's command. There are but two iron-clads, and neither of those of much use, owing to the lack of propelling power. It is the firm belief of our inform

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The Daily Commercial.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1864.

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1864.

In a few hours the year 1864 will have passed into history, and never did a year carry with it a richer freight of noble achievements and grand results in the interest of Freedom. In this year our people have made rapid advances in the path of national greatness and renown. The American character has vindicated its claim to purity and lofty motive; to exalted sentiment and the love of righteousness. The hills and the valleys have yielded their increase to an extent hitherto unparalleled. Commerce has opened up new avenues for the exercise of its mighty functions. Labor has been more and more elevated by the exhaustion of Human Slavery. The Union has become stronger. Men are knit more closely together in the sympathies which contribute to the greatness and goodness of the Republic. Rebellion against the Government and Liberty has been shorn of its strength. Our armies have been victorious. Great principles have been vindicated. The prowess of our army and navy has made our Nation respected abroad. The noble sacrifices of our people have made the world look on in amazement, and the magnificent spectacle of American patriotism has been the object of universal admiration. Despotism has reared its head on our continent, but has also begun to wane with the year, and MAXIMILIAN, who thought to give the lie to Democratic government, and succeed with empire, is solving the problem for himself, and through him to despots everywhere, that GOD has, in his infinite wisdom, ordained the American Continent to Republicanism and Freedom. Europe has been convulsed with war, and rumors of war, but no great principle has been established thereby, no result has flowed therefrom likely to enable or ameliorate the condition of the European masses. The war in our own country has been attended with undying results; the nation has become a vast benevolent society, the members of which are everywhere vieing with each other in deeds of charity and mercy. People who never gave before, now give generously for all objects worthy of support, and people who ever gave, bestow more liberally and work more fervently for the perpetuation of the Republic.

The Church has been thoroughly emancipated from the thraldom of false conservatism. A higher standard has been chosen for legislative results of national and agricultural wealth, inventions and improvements of every description, clearly and briefly described, are solicited. To secure attention, communications should be brief, entirely reliable, and sent as promptly as possible.

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One of Sherman's Ways.

A correspondent, in his account of the approach of our army to Savannah, gives the following concerning one of the ways of Sherman:

The dispositions of General Sherman's superior army, from the date of the capture of Fort McAllister (December 13), when he began the systematic investment of the city, were made in such a manner, however, as to force Hardee to weaken himself by disposing a comparatively small number of troops at points widely apart, each one dangerously threatened by our forces. Every natural advantage which he could make use of against us was employed. The rice-fields below the city were flooded by means of its canals, rendering an advance in that direction more difficult. The swamps were perplexing barriers to our progress west and north. These difficulties had very little to do, except at one point, in preventing that investment or siege of Savannah which it was the plain intention of General Sherman to carry out from the first. They were the only difficulties in the way of assaults, should assaults become necessary.

The gradual approach of our lines was very much annoyed by the torpedo traps which the enemy had ingeniously disposed all along the roads leading into Savannah. They were so perfectly covered with earth as to be almost unnoticed by the unexperienced in such devices. The slightest pressure of a foot upon the small plug, alone left exposed above the surface sufficed to explode them.

General Sherman overcame the danger by a vengeful expedient. He ordered that the rebel prisoners should be compelled, whenever any new approach was made, to go before the troops upon their hands and knees, and find the torpedoes and dig them out. These voyages of discovery were so unpleasant as to provoke lively but unavailing remonstrances. The work had to be done; the prisoners were sent in advance as ordered. Crawling, begging, praying, as their trembling fingers descended to dig away the earth about the death traps, which they had, perhaps, helped to set, they were a parious spectacle.

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Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sales.

REPORTED BY CLARKSON & CO., BANKERS, PHILADELPHIA.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.

The stock market continues generally dull. Maple Shade offered at 35; Curtin at 15; sales of Cherry Run at 3?; Dalzell 9¾ bid.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30, P. M.

The close of the year being so near, there is little or no disposition to incur any new obligations, and business has been greatly curtailed, and only such transactions as cover present requirements are made. In oil stocks there was considerable activity to-day. Many holders desiring to realize, have parted with oil shares at a very low figure.

At the People's Stock Exchange there were a good many sellers, but prices generally were not materially different from the previous evening. The sales were:

100 Horsemen	50
100 Merchants	59
100 Oil Creek and Cherry Run	3 87½
100 Union Lubric	96
500 Ritchie	1 00
300 Tarr, Story and Cherry Run	1 07
100 El Dorado	1 85
250 Tarr, Story and Cherry Run	1 08
200 Ritchie	1 03

—Mr. McClelland requests us to announce that the Peoples' Stock Exchange will be closed until next Wednesday evening, when it will be opened again at the usual hour.

—The Board of Bankers and Brokers at their meeting this morning passed a resolution recommending to the Banks and Banking Institutions of these cities, the observance of Monday, January 2d, as a New Year's Holiday.

—We are pleased to announce that our leading Banks and Bankers have determined to discontinue the practice of receiving and paying out as currency the notes of Banks which are not kept at par in Philadelphia or in this city. They will continue to buy and sell such money, but no longer give it value as currency; and in their transactions in depreciated money will be governed by the cost, time, trouble, and risk of converting it into bankable funds. Hence, a good sound country bank always willing to redeem its issues whenever presented, will not rank as low in the scale as one which puts every obstacle in the way; and our people will have some guide in receiving depreciated money, and be able to judge of its safety by discount which bankers require to convert it into par. The movement is a timely one and may save much trouble and loss hereafter.

—The sales at the regular Board this morning were 1,000 5 28s at 105¾, and 100 shares Cherry Run Central Oil stock at 1 65.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL OFFICE, } Saturday, Dec. 31, 1864.

BUSINESS—This is the last day of the old year. The operations of 1864 are fast drawing to a close, a few hours and they will be numbered among the things of the past. The events will live in history for centuries to come, among them the Oil Trade of 1864. Hundreds have made large fortunes in a short space, others have grown rich scarcely without being aware of the fact. Many without any surplus cash one year ago, have amassed immense fortunes. There seems no falling off in the supply of oil. There is, however, a large increase in the demand both foreign and domestic. Prices have materially advanced, since the year began. Orders from abroad are rapidly increasing. Oil lands in the vicinity of Oil City have changed hands at fabulous prices. This reminds us that three days ago a very profitable well was struck in the midst of Oil City, on the landing, close in the edge of the Alleghany river. Various reports were in circulation in regard to the capacity. The lowest estimation was 20 barrels, the highest 45. It will probably settle down to about 25 barrels per day. Even at this yield it will prove one of the most valuable that was ever struck. The labor saved in forwarding to market will be at least one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per barrel. The oil can be conveyed from the well to the boat and shipped direct without any expense. Oil City was a blaze of excitement. Property holders were on a high horse; purchasers were plenty; buyers however, refused to fix a price. The weather was very cold at the oil regions. Ice in the Alleghany was forming very fast. Below will be found the operations that came under our notice:

CRUDE OIL—The market was steady in prices, however, have undergone a change. The receipts of crude by the river were 1,600 bbls. Prices were the same, viz: Sales of 300 bbls at 32c, packages returned, this would be equal to 44@45c packages included.

REFINED OIL—The market was firm but not very active; buyers are waiting for a concession, holders, however, are not disposed to give way, they exhibit a considerable amount of nerve; they say, truly, that crude will have to decline before refined can be sold at low figures. Sales 100 bbls free at 58c, 55 do do 57½c, and 50 do do, 58c; bonded was nominal at 67½@68c, we did not learn of any transactions.

NAPTHA AND TAR—We did not learn of any transactions in these articles. Prices were nominal.

Oil Receipts per Allegheny River.

O C Brown	69
E Wray	350
Fisher	80
	Pennock B & Co	475
	H M Kelvey	300
	C Ashworth	400
Total		1,004

Imports of Oil per Allegheny Valley R. R GOING EAST.

Still & Co, 50 barrels refined for Boston.
Still & Co, 50 barrels tar for Philadelphia.
North American Company, 142 barrels refined for Philadelphia.
Juneseo Company, 68 barrels refined for Philadelphia.
Dilworth & E, 22 barrels crude for Philadelphia.
Dilworth & E, 51 barrels benzine for Philadelphia.
Champion Company, 54 barrels tar for Williamsport.
Standard Company, 132 barrels refined for Philadelphia.
Lockhart & F, 218 barrels refined for Philadelphia.

Weekly Review of the P. & Iron Market.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURH COMMERCIAL, } Saturday, December 31, 1864.

The Pig Iron market, during the week, was dull; the sales made were to a moderate extent; a number of sales were under negotiation; a few sales were made, one lot of 400 tons on private terms, and the following:

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December 31, 1864.

The market continues steady. Prices have declined 1½c per lb on puddled Sheet Iron, and ½c per lb on Charcoal Sheet Iron, and ½c per lb on Light Band Iron.

Chicago Pig Iron Market.

There is a good demand for Scotch Pig Iron, but receipts are nominal, with very light stock on hand. American Iron is in fair supply, and for the present season the demand is above the average. Previous quotations firm and unchanged. We quote:

	Per ton.
Scotch pig No 1	$85 00
Massillon No 1	80 00
do No 2	75 00
Union pig No 1	75 00
do B No 1	70 00
Lake Superior	75 00
Franklin No 1	75 00
do No 2	70 00

Louisville Coal Market.

Best Pittsburgh continues to retail at 32c per bush, delivered, or $8 per load of 25 bush. Pomeroy to close contracts 25c, but the stock is exhausted. The miners, however, have gone to work again, and a supply may be soon expected.

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKET.

PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL OFFICE, } Saturday, Dec. 31, 1864.

Business was not very active yesterday, and the sales made were only in a small way. The weather continues changeable. At present writing we have pleasant winter weather. Business, generally speaking, was dull. This is, however, the season for settling up the affairs of the past six months, in order to be ready to open up a new set of books for 1865. On the landing matters remained unchanged. Freights to the lower ports were not plenty. The arrivals were the Leonidas, from Cincinnati. She had a large trip of miscellaneous articles. The W. F. Curtiss came in with a fair trip, principally for shipment East by rail. The J. G. Blackford, from Cincinnati, had a good cargo. She is announced to depart for Cincinnati this day at 4 p. m. The departures were the Nightingale, for Cincinnati, with a full load of Pittsburgh currency, viz: iron and nails. The America left for Cairo and St. Louis, and took one of the best trips of the season. The Golden Era will leave at 4 P. M. for Gallipolis and Portsmouth on time. The Starlight is the Cincinnati and Louisville packet; passengers and shippers can rely on this. The Olive for St. Louis, will be the next packet. She will commence receiving this day. The Hamilton will be the next Cincinnati packet. She will begin loading on Monday. The J. R. Gilmore is announced for Memphis and New Orleans on Wednesday. Below will be found the sales that came under our notice:

SEED—The market for some days has been inactive, the only enquiry being for flax. We note further sales of 150 bushels at $3 50, being an advance.

HOMINY—The market was steady but not very active. Small sales were reported at $5 12½@5 25.

TALLOW—Small lots were disposed of at 16½c.

FLOUR—The market has presented no feature worthy of particular notice; the receipts by the river are on the increase, but not in sufficient quantities to have any effect on prices; holders exhibit no anxiety to part with their stocks; the sales yesterday were limited, viz: Extra family, 50 bbls at $16@17 25; 100 bbls do $10 75@11 25; extra sold, to a small extent, at $10 50 bbl.

EGGS—Sales were made at a variety of prices, viz: 38@40@45c; the latter for picked.

BUTTER—The receipts about keep pace with the demand; prices rule about the same; sales 7,000 lbs, at 45@50c; 3 bbls do 45c.

APPLES—The demand has fallen off. Sales of 110 bbls at $3 25@3 50 per bbl.

CHEESE—Was in moderate demand. Sales of 65 boxes W. Re. at 20@22c; Goshen 23@24.

POULTRY—The sales continue large. 1,000 lbs Turkey at 15@18c, and 800 lbs Chickens at 14@15.

HAY—Receipts more moderate; prices rule with the demand. Sales 11 loads at 44@48 per ton.

GROCERIES—The market was firm but not very active. Coffee—sales of 10 sacks Rio at 40c. Molasses—30 bbls Orleans at $1 20. Sugar—10 hhds Cuba at 23. A Coffee—10 bbls at 30. B Coffee—15 bbls do at 29c. Crushed—18 bbls do at 30c. Syrups—10 barrels Lowering at $1 50 per gallon.

SALT—Was in fair request; sales 150 bbls at $4 10, delivered.

FISH—Was in moderate demand. Mackerel—Sales 10 bbls No. 1 at $20; 15 do No. 2, $18; 5 do No. 3, large, $17; 10 do No. 3, medium, $16.

HOPS—We note sales 1,500 lbs Eastern New York at 50c.

GRAIN—The market yesterday presented no change worthy of notice. Wheat ranged from $2 10 for red, and $2 15@2 20 for white. Oats were unchanged; sales 400 bush, first hands, at 90@93c; 300 do, from store, 88c. Barley—Sales 320 bush Spring at $1 75@1 80. Corn—Small sales were made at $1 25@1 30 for new.

BACON—The market was quiet, and prices nominal. Shoulders at 22c; sides, 23c; Sugar Cured Hams, 25c.

Pittsburgh Glass Market.

WINDOW GLASS.

CITY BRANDS—SINGLE STRENGTH.

	Box.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$5 50
8x10	6 10 "
8x11 to 10x12	6 10 "
8x13 to 10x14	6 50 "
8x15 to 12x16	6 75 "
11x18 to 14x18	7 20 "
13x19 to 14x22	7 90 "
10x24 to 16x24	8 65 "
17x24 to 18x28	9 75 "
10x30 to 24x30	10 10 "
21x37 to 30x40	11 50 "
20x41 to 32x42	13 00 "
20x44 to 30x48	14 40 "
10x45 to 32x45	17 25 "

DOUBLE THICKNESS.

6x 8 to 7x 9	$10 80 Box.
8x10	11 50 "
8x13 to 10x14	13 00 "
8x15 to 12x16	15 70 "
10x13 to 18x28	17 25 "
10x42 to 32x44	21 60 "
10x48 to 30x48	23 60 "
20x54 to 30x46	28 80 "
30x60 to 40x60	36 00 "

Pittsburgh Tin Plate and Block Tin Market.

PITTSBURGH Dec. 31.

The market during the week was active, with a limited demand. Prices have advanced. The present rates per box are:

I-C—10x14	28 00
I-X—10x14	28 00
I-C—12x12	25 50
I-X—12x12	30 50
I-C—14x20	26 00
I-X—14x20	31 00

BLOCK TIN & Pl.

Block Tin	68c | Bar	70c
Zinc Sheets	20c | Spelter Slabs	25c

Pittsburgh Cordage Market.

December 31, 1864.

CORDAGE—The following are the prices of the various descriptions of cordage, viz:

Manilla Cordage	25
" small sizes	26½
Tarred Manilla Cordage	20
Hackled American Tarred Cordage	22
Spun Yarn	20
American Hemp Packing	25
Best Navy Oakum	14
Navy Oakum	10

Terms, net cash.

Pittsburgh Leather Market.

Dec 31, 1864.

The demand for leather was active, and prices have further declined. The following are the present rates, but how long they will continue, we have no means of ascertaining:

Red Sole	44@46
Harness	50@52
Oak	40@52

Pittsburgh Cracker Market.

Dec. 31, 1864.

The market was firm at the late advance, viz:

Water, ⅞ lb	10 cts	Soda	12 cts
Butter	13	Sugar	15
Boston	12		

Philadelphia Pig Iron Market.

There is no new feature in the market, and a limited business doing in Pig Metal, at $70@80 per ton for the three numbers of Anthracite, mostly cash. Scotch Pig is quiet, and nearly nominal at $80@85 per ton. Bars of all kinds manufactured from meets with a moderate inquiry at about previous rates, and most of the mills are fairly supplied with orders.

St. Louis Tobacco Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.

Market quiet and steady, with sales of 16 hhds inspected into store as follows: At $2 90 (1 hhd); at $7 25; 4 factory do at $8 75 to $9; 1 planters' do at $10 50; 4 common shipping leaf at $8 to $17; 3 medium do at $19 75 to $23 50; one good do at $30; and 1 common do at $14. Manufactured 14 bxs $24 25 @ 100 lbs. Bids on 4 hhds were rejected.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

Cincinnati.

PER W. F. CURTISS,—Clark & Co, 605 bbls flour, 220 bgs wheat, 79 rolls leather, 20 bxs candles, 5 half chests tea; F Sellers & Co, 77 tierces lard; E Hazelton, 75 bxs candles; J Ewart, 8 bbls lard; Kirkpatrick, 29 bbls tobacco; J H McKennor & Co, 6 bbls tobacco; R P Kennedy, 335 bgs wheat, 1 cask bacon, 1 tes hams; J Daniels & Son, 4 bbls fruit; J R Cummings, 352 dry hides; S George & Co, 200 bbls flour, B L Fahnestock, 1 box mdz; Rea & Kell, 200 bgs oil meal; Lt Col Whitely, 69 bxs saddles; Straub & Brew, beer casks; Sligo Iron Co, 5 tons furniture; Wm Sumner & Co, 20 sewing machines; J S Dilworth, 10 bbls lard oil; J Booth, 4 bbls whiskey; R Means, 60 bbls liquor; W H Hagan, 47 bales hay.

Cincinnati.

PER LEONIDAS.—Clarke & Co, 510 bbls pork, 30 tierces lard, 33 hogsheads bacon, 117 hogsheads sides; J Cox and Parker, 30 do; W Sedgwick, 5 bbls whiskey; Tierhan & Getty, 10 packages; J S Leggitt & Co, 738 sacks wheat; R T Kennedy & Bro, 2,240 sacks wheat; J Chess, 7 packages; Fisher Bro, 300 sacks wheat; Barrels; J S Ewart & Co, 5 tierces hams, 10 bbls pork; J P Hanna, 56 hogsheads and 1 tierce hams; R Robinson & Co, 100 bbls flour; S George & Co, 50 do; all sacks middling; Bookmiller & Lang, 39 bbls, and 20 kegs lard; Graff & Reiter, 248 bbls beans and hominy, 15 bbls barley, 5 do sprout, 5 do peas, and 5 sacks do; J L Reed, 1 box.

PER BLACKFORD—Clarke & Co, 338 sks wheat, 25 bbls whisky; Pess, Irwin & Co, 1 keg varnish; Holmes, 2 half chests tea; Bowen, 1 half do do; White, Boyer & Co, 1 and half do do; Morrow & Reed, 1 do do; Downies & Co, 20 bxs candles; B A Fahnestock, 20 bbls clear sides; Tor. Lang, 50 bbls and 20 hhds clear sides; Torrence & Co, 10 do; Clarke & Co, 100 green hides, 121 dry do; Lt Col R H R Whitely, 120 bxs saddles; John Haworth, 80 empty oil bbls, 30 kegs and half bbls; D M Edgerton, 128 empty oil bbls.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Imports per Cleveland and Pittsburgh R. R.—J S Liggett & Co, 304 sks wheat; Hartman & Bro, 270 bgs oats; Fater, A & G, 27 boxes cheese; A Luppert, 36 pkgs mdz; shoemaker & Lang, 14 bbls beans; L H Voight, 48 bxs cheese; J & C Jenkins, 53 do do; Gallagher & Irwin, 45 bbls chairs; Hammer & D, 18 do do; Godfrey & C, 55 bbls paper; F Sellers, 64 bbls pork; A B Childs, 66 bales tow; Simpson & K, 178 shooks; W W Anderson, 208 bgs barley; Hunt & Riddle 31 bxs soap; W Stewart, 1 car corn; Simpson & K, 162 bgs corn, 160 do wheat.

Imports per Pittsburgh, F. W. & C. R. R.—D Wallace, 100 bbls flour; Ferson & Co, 142 bgs wheat; Chip & Co, 109 bbls flour; Lambert & Co, 50 bbls highwines; B F Shope, 2 pkgs merchandize; C West & Son, 2 wagons; J P Barker, 1 do; Shoemaker & McKay, 100 bgs barley; Bushfield & Co, 25 sks rags; R C Loomis, 1 car metal; S Ewart, 43 boxes cheese; J Dilworth, 12 hogs; J Rhodes, 1 car barley; Rickham & Co, 1 machine; W McClintock & Co, 100 bbls flour; F Van Gorder, 17 bbls apples; J Rhodes, 1 do barley; Shomaker & Laug, 100 bbls flour.

Imports per Allegheny Valley R. R.—W H Kirkpatrick, 25 bags flour; 1 bbl vinegar Lyx; Marsh, Oliver & Brickell, 1 car iron; H & A Friend, 1 do bark; J A Denney & Co, 6 bbls flour, 5 pkgs mds; W McKeown, 50 bbls oil; Waring & Co, 50 do do; McClintock & Co, 1 car sheet iron; J Kline, 10 sks flour; J Alter, 10 do oats; J McKain, 15 do do; Thos Martin, 6 dressed hogs; W Crooks, 6 sks mdse; J H Boale, 18 bush corn; G Richey, 11 bush potatoes; B Culpepper, 150 bush oats; J A Shuster, 27 bush corn; J E Negley, 3 hogs, 151 bush corn; H George, 4,200 lbs flour; Curry, 15 sks oats; McCready, 24 do do.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Finance and Trade.

Special to the Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

Stock market unsettled, by heavy decline in Erie and Mariposa. Government stocks strong under the announcement of the suspension of the 10-40 bonds. Railroad stock market was generally firm. At the opening of the board Northwestern and old Southern shares were the weakest on the list. Western shares generally weak. The Mariposa muddle continues to excite attention. In Wall street there is talk about foreclosure. Stockholders have a meeting to-morrow. State and miscellaneous stocks unchanged. At the Petroleum Board there was a good demand for Excelsior, Germania and High Gate. Sales of 500 Excelsior at $0 50@7 50; Germania $1 10@1 15, and 4,000 High Gate at $1 02@1 07. The bull combination carried gold up this morning on Wilmington news. About noon there was a fall of two per cent, notwithstanding the heavy export demand. Money unchanged.

New York Gold Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 03.

Gold strong and active. Bulls are strengthened by the adverse news from Wilmington, and the buying was more active than for several days past. The price opened at 227, advanced to 230, and again declined steadily to 225¾.

New York Money and Stock Market.

NEW YORK, December 30.

Money active and firm at 7 per cent. Sterling, 109¾. Gold active and firmer; opening at 226, declining to 225, and advancing to 228¼, closing at 227½. Goverment stocks firm and more active. Stocks lower; U. S. 6s, '81 Coupon, 105¾; 5-20 coupon, 108; U. S. 5-10-8s, 100; Compound 7-30s, 103¾; Treasury notes, Quicksilver, 103¾; Mariposa, 19¾; New York Central, 112¾; Erie, 84¼; Hudson, 115½; Reading, 115; Michigan Central, 118; Illinois Central, 137½; Pittsburgh, 95; Northwestern, 33¾; do preferred, 69½; Rock Island, 103; Quincy, 117¾; Fort Wayne, 102¾; Terra Haute, 46; Gold, 223½.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

Cotton firmer at $1 18 for middling. Flour 50@10c. better; sales at $10 10@10 15 for extra state; $10@11 20 for extra round hoop Ohio; $11 25@10 50 for trade brands, marked closing quiet and firm. Whisky rather more steady; sales at $2 21@2 22, cash; $2 22@2 23, regular way. Wheat 2c. lower, rather quiet, and holders not pressing their stocks; sales of winter red Western at $2 50; amber Michigan at $2 58. Rye quiet at $1 70@1 72 for Western. Corn declining; sales of 40,000 bush prime mixed at $1 38@1 40 for mixed Western. Oats 1c. higher, with moderate business at $1 09@1 09½. Coffee quiet; sales of Rio at 35c; advance to 38c; sales of Maracaibo at 36@39c. Havana at 17@19c. Molassas dull. Petroleum firm. Crude 50. Wool quiet and firm. Pork opened decidedly irregular and closed steady; sales of mess latter heavy at $37 37½@40 50 for cash and regular way, closing at $40 cash; $40 50@41 50 for new do; $31 50@35 25 for prime; $30@30 50 for prime mess. Beef dull and heavy. Beef hams rather firmer at $26 50@27. Cut meats steady at 17½@18½c for shoulders, and 19@21c for hams. Lard more active and firmer; Cumberland cut at 20½@21c; long clear middles, part, at 21c; short ribbed at 21¾c, and short clear city at 23c. Dressed hogs firmer at 12½@12¾c for western. Butter dull but firmly held at 39@43c; western at 36@50. Cheese quiet and steady at 19@24.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.

Rather better local demand for flour, and especially the higher grades, but prices are unchanged; 1,200 bbls sold at $8 for superfine, and $9 50 to $10 for fancy and family brands. Wheat is higher; Red at 200@205. Wheat at 230@235. Corn dull, at 100@105. Oat in good demand at 88. Rye quiet at 145. Barley—Fancy choice spring at 155, and choice fall at 160. Whiskey firm at 212¾. Provisions firmer, with an active speculative demand for Pork. Lard firm. Mess one-fourth to one-half higher. Shoulders 16½c. Loose Sides 18¾. Loose Sugar-cured Hams 24. Lard advanced to 22¾, and in demand. Hogs advanced; $5 60@6, the latter rate was paid for extra heavy; receipts but fifteen hundred. Gold 2-8. Exchange very scarce; Sterling quiet at par. Money tight, and the demand pressing, at 12 to 24 per cent. Distillers are borrowing largely to pay tax before 10-morrow night.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 30.

Receipts: 2,500 bbls flour; 12,000 bush wheat; 9,000 bush corn; 33,000 bush oats; 6,000 head hogs. Provisions firm and higher. Mess pork, $30@30; prime mess, 30@30; clear pork, 40c. Green hams, 16c; green shoulders, 14c. Lard firm at 22c. Hogs firmer at 10½c and 10¾c; dressed quiet and advanced 25c, at 11½@12c, yielding on sales. Highwines firm at 90c. Butter, at $2 10. Flour dull. Wheat firm and ½@¾c higher, at 1 72@1 74; for No. 1. Corn quiet. Oats firm and 1@1½c higher, at 68c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.

Cotton dull and nominal at $1 15@1 20. Flour very dull; superfine, $9 50@10 00. Corn steady and firm, sales 3,000 bush new. Tallow, $1 48; and do, $1 38. Petroleum nominal. Whisky, $2 25.

River Matters.

Arrivals and Departures of Steamboats.

ARRIVED.

Franklin	Carnes	Brownsville.
Telitha	Clarke	Brownsville.
Agnes Reese		Elizabeth.
G. McC. Porter	Taylor	Wheeling.
J. G. Blackford	Ford	Cincinnati.
Gallipolis Packet	M. Cox	Cincinnati.
W. F. Curtis	Birch	Cincinnati.

DEPARTED.

Telitha	Clarke	Brownsville.
Franklin	Carnes	Brownsville.
Agnes Reese		Elizabeth.
Armenia	McCallum	St. Louis.
Nightingale	Fisher	Cincinnati.

THE RIVER.—Last evening at twilight there were nine feet water in the channel and falling. The weather continues changeable.

THE fine passenger steamer Starlight, Capt. G. N. Armstrong, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville. This boat has the best of accommodations and careful officers. Our old friend Mr. Lynch, who has charge of the office, will see that the passengers have the best of attention.

GO FOR PORTSMOUTH.—The punctual packet Golden Era leaves this day at four p. m. for Gallipolis and Portsmouth. For speed, accommodations and attentive officers, this boat stands a No. 1. Captain W. H. Bryan, who is in command, is one of the best officers that comes to this port. We take pleasure in saying a good word for this worthy officer.

THE fine passenger steamer Olive, Capt. Ford, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville this day at 4 p. m. This boat comes to us very highly recommended by the Cincinnati press. Captain Ford is an experienced and attentive officer. The first clerk is Mr. Hanly, an officer who will be certain to see that passengers have the best of attention.

St. Louis.—The opening of navigation was attended with less destruction of property than usual. The following is a condensed account from the *Democrat*:

Our river commerce is about being renewed, by the breaking up of the ice. This event occurred on Monday, and the interesting scene was witnessed by a great concourse of people. The embargo of the port of St. Louis has thus been broken in a unexpected and most gratifying termination.

A SPLENDID SPECTACLE WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS.—It was just 10 o'clock P. M. on Monday when the ice gave way. The few persons on the wharf were soon swelled to thousands, who could be seen all along the levee lined on each elevated point of observation. While the ice moved some hundreds of yards, it remained almost intact, and did all the damage it has done since. During the hours it continued to float past afterward, it was in broken masses innocuous in character, so far as regarded the vessels moored to the levee. The ice was sometimes piled high up, in pyramids, single blocks, swathes, and those of lively imagination could see floating majestically past, fortresses, castles, temples, prairies, forests, rocky mountains and battle-fields.

The steamer Argo and Calypso were slightly damaged.

The sunken steamer, Jennie Lewis, was carried by the foot of Market street, her lines breaking like threads.

At the wharf lay the following steamers, which, we believe, entirely uninjured: Sioux City, Evening Star, Delaware, Prairie Rose, Bertha, Martha, Kate Putnam, Luna, Commonwealth, J. C. Swon, Southwester, &c.

A spectator further down the river says he counted near twenty barges and flat boats and one lumber raft going off in the deadly entrance of the ice, and some of them broken and torn badly. Eight barges were carried from foot of Plum street, one of them broken in two. The steamer Q. Lloyd, and the re-built steamer Welcome were forced on shore.

Captain Jonnson's steamer Golden Era, is reported sunk.

As the ice passes away, steamboat men are jubilant. Deck hands and roustabouts, debased and careworn in appearance, joked, and threw their hats in the air.

ADDITIONAL—MORE DESTRUCTION—THE RAM MONARCH SUNK.—The breaking up of the ice Monday was attended with greater disaster than we supposed.

The ram Monarch was sunk below Widow Waters's landing she had been laid up there. The Memphis packet, Platte Valley, was carried off at the same time. We have received no particulars.

The Yellow Stone, lying at Daggett & Morse's dock was badly damaged. She is leaking so much as to require constant pumping.

The Maggie Hays near the same point, was thrown out on the bank.

The Ingomar and Armaranth were badly injured.

The Golden Era's upper works are badly broken, and her bow stove in.

St. Louis.—Wednesday's *Democrat* says: The bars of the nine Memphis packets, yesterday went into the possession of Wm. Thorwe- gan, well known boatman. The bids were opened yesterday at the wharf boat of the company, and the award was made to Mr. Thorwegan for some of one year, running at $50 per month, and for some thing like $50,000. One bid was $70,000, this is certainly a big bar transaction. We understand that the Atlantic and Memphis Steamship Company will appoint a Superintendent for the bars of their fine line of steamers.

The Kate Putnam, Spray and Luna are up for the Ohio.

The Rodolph and Edinburg, will probably go also to the Ohio.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BODY WANTED.

ALEXANDER ELLIOTT, aged about twenty-four years, was drowned from the steamer Leonidas, in the Ohio river, on Wednesday night last, about seven or eight miles below Wheeling. Deceased wore a blue soldier-coat, and had his pants stuck in the legs of his boots. Any information that will lead to the recovery of his body will be suitably rewarded, by addressing WM. ELLIOTT, No. 2 Water street, Pittsburgh. Wheeling papers will do a kind act by giving this notice in their columns. dec31-3t

FOR SALE—

Twe comfortable two story BRICK DWELLING HOUSES, with back buildings, situated on south-east corner of Ross and Penn streets. For particulars enquire of S. CUTHBERT & SON, or WM. H. WILLIAMS & CO., Wood street, corner of Third. dec31-3t

NEW BACON.

New Mess Pork.
" Leaf Lard.
Mill Grease.

For sale by TOWNSEND & LONG, Packers, No. 142 Fourth street. dec31-tf

PROPOSALS FOR

Revenue Steam Cutters on the Lakes.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, December 24th, 1864.

Proposals will be received at this Department until 12 m., Monday, the 16th day of January next, for the construction of three or four REVENUE STEAM CUTTERS, (side-wheel,) for the Upper Lakes, and one for Lake Ontario.

Specifications in detail will be furnished bidders on application in person or by letter to this Department, or to the Collectors of the Customs at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and the Collectors at principal Lake ports. Proposals should be sealed and addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsed on the envelope, "Proposals for building Revenue Steam Cutters."

W. P. FESSENDEN, Secretary of the Treasury.

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WEST VIRGINIA OIL LANDS

FOR SALE,

Two Hundred and Nineteen Acres,

in Wetzel county, at only

Thirty Dollars per Acre,

This land was purchased from the original holder at a very low figure, and can, therefore, be sold on the above reasonable terms.

Address, for a few days, A. R., Lock Box 44. dec31-2t

JACKSON'S RUN

OIL COMPANY.

The subscribers to the Stock of the JACKSON'S RUN OIL COMPANY, are hereby notified that a meeting of the said Company will be held at the store of JOHN CAMPBELL, on Smithfield street, between Second and Third streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., on MONDAY, the 23d day of January, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of adopting By-Laws, electing officers, &c., and of organising as a corporation under the act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations for Mechanical, Manufacturing and Quarrying purposes," approved July 18, 1863, and its several supplements. W. McCULLOUGH, Secretary.

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OFFICE OF EL DORADO OIL COMPANY, } N. E. cor. Fifth and Walnut streets. }

DIVIDEND.

The Directors have THIS DAY declared a dividend of ONE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, out of the profits of the Company, clear of State tax, payable on and after the 5th of January next, 1865. Transfer Books close on the 31st instant, and re-open on the 5th proximo.

The Dividends of this Company will hereafter be made payable quarterly in accordance with a resolution of the Board adopted this day. The Dividends payable to Pittsburgh Stockholders will be paid as usual in Pittsburgh of which due notice will be given.

B. A. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28, 1864—dec31

NOTICE—STEAMBOAT MEN—We are now manufacturing a very superior article of

CORK LIFE PRESERVERS,

We would respectfully call your attention to ours before purchasing elsewhere. We will guarantee them to pass inspection.

ARMSTRONG, BRO. & CO., oct5-tf No. 122 Third street.

RIVER PACKETS,

Weekly Marietta & Parkersburg Packet.

Regular Passenger Steamer for Wheeling, Sna Fish, Sistersville, Bull Creek, Marietta and Parkersburg.

The new and fast side-wheel passenger steamer

BAYARD,

J. G. SAINT, Master, DANIEL MOORE, Clerk.

Leaves Pittsburgh every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 11 a. m.

Leaves Wheeling at 5 p. m. same days.

Returning, leaves Parkersburg TUESDAY and FRIDAY at 7 p. m.

Leaves Marietta at 8 p. m. same days.

Leaves Wheeling at 7 a. m. WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply on board, or to

JOHN FLACK, Agent, dec28 No. 58 Water street, Pittsburgh.

Wheeling and Parkersburg Packets.

For Beaver, Wellsville, Steubenville, and Wheeling, Connecting with Parkersburg, Marietta and Bull Creek.

The fine Passenger Steamer

MINERVA, JOHN GORDON, Commander, leaves Pittsburgh every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 10 a. m.

For freight or passage apply on board or to

JAMES COLLINS & CO. Agents, Wharf-boat below Monongahela Bridge.

Regular Pittsburgh & Wheeling Packet.

THE new and fast running passenger steamer

G. MAY PORTER,

T. L. TAYLOR, Captain, L. F. BEELER, Clerk, leaves Wheeling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 o'clock, a. m., and Pittsburgh every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 12 o'clock, m.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to

JAMES COLLINS, Agent, Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh and Zanesville Packet Line.

FOR WHEELING, MARIETTA AND ZANESVILLE.

The splendid passenger steamer EMMA GRAHAM, J. R. STULL, Commander, leaves Pittsburgh every Tuesday, at 4 p. m., and Zanesville every Friday, at 8 o'clock, a. m. The new steamer JULIA, Wm. COULSON, Commander, leaves Pittsburgh every Saturday, at 4 p. m., and Zanesville every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, a. m.

For freight or passage apply on board or to

W. COLLINGWOOD, Agent, Pittsburgh, au30 H. S. PIERCE & CO., Agents, Zanesville, O.

PORTSMOUTH PACKET.

For Marietta, Parkersburg, Big Sandy, Ironton, Gallipolis and Portsmouth.

EVERY SATURDAY, at 10 a. m. The splendid passenger steamer GOLDEN ERA, WASH. H. KERR, Commander, W. H. BRYAN, Clerk, will leave Pittsburgh every SATURDAY, at 10 a. m., and Portsmouth every MONDAY, P. M. Will connect every MONDAY with the BOSTONA No. 3, for Cincinnati. The GOLDEN ERA will receipt freight through to Cincinnati.

JOHN FLACK, Agent. For freight or passage apply on board. no2

Cincinnati and Louisville,

For Cincinnati and Louisville.

ON THIS DAY, Dec, 31, at 4 p. m. The fine passenger steamer J. G. BLACKFORD, F. FORD, Commander, and MAY, Clerk, will leave as announced above.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to

JAMES COLLINS, Agent.